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Dear Sirs,

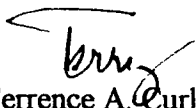
I have received the draft report of the most recent OSHPD heart attack outcomes study for review. In response to the request for comment, the methodology and design of the study appear sound. However, based on an issue with the coding of the data from Selma District Hospital, our cases were not included in the study. Therefore, it had little direct relevance to us.

We have reviewed the data for comparison purposes and reviewed our coding practices on the bases of the rejection of data, to seek any opportunity for continuous improvement.

We look forward to continue working with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to further ensure the provision of quality health care to the communities we serve.

If you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (209) 891-1000.

Thank you,


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Chief Executive Officer